

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 22, 2013

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 35**

**Introduced by Senator Cannella**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Alejo)

April 15, 2013

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to the Pinnacles National Park Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 35, as amended, Cannella. State Route 25: Pinnacles National Park Highway.

This bill would designate a specified portion of State Route 25 as the Pinnacles National Park Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Pinnacles National Park is a protected mountainous
- 2 region comprising 26,000 acres of the Gabilan Range in San Benito
- 3 and Monterey counties, located about 40 miles inland from the
- 4 Pacific Ocean, 5 miles east of Soledad, and about 80 miles
- 5 southeast of San Jose; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Pinnacles National Park is named for the jagged
- 7 rock spires and caves that were formed by an ancient volcano and
- 8 that typify the park; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pinnacles National Park is home to many species
- 10 of flora and fauna unique to the region, including the California

1 Buckeye, California Quail, Prairie Falcon, and the California  
2 Condor; and

3 WHEREAS, Pinnacles National Park draws approximately  
4 400,000 visitors each year, generating \$8.4 million of annual  
5 economic benefit for the surrounding area; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of these visitors access the park via State  
7 Route 25, which is located between Interstate 101 near Gilroy and  
8 State Route 198; and

9 WHEREAS, Pinnacles Forest Reserve was designated in 1906,  
10 and two years later President Theodore Roosevelt established  
11 Pinnacles National Monument; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 10, 2013, President Barack Obama  
13 signed into law House Bill No. 3641 that created Pinnacles  
14 National Park from the former Pinnacles National Monument;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates—that*  
18 ~~*portion of State Route 25 that lies solely within the exterior*~~  
19 ~~*boundaries of the County of San Benito that portion of State Route*~~  
20 ~~*25 from the San Benito/Monterey countyline to Sunnyslope Road*~~  
21 ~~*in the City of Hollister and that portion of State Route 25 from*~~  
22 ~~*San Felipe Road in the City of Hollister to the San Benito/Santa*~~  
23 ~~*Clara countyline*~~ as the Pinnacles National Park Highway; and be  
24 it further

25 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested*  
26 *to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the*  
27 *signing requirements for the state highway system showing this*  
28 *special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate*  
29 *sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it*  
30 *further*

31 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
32 *this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the*  
33 *author for appropriate distribution.*